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**UNITED NATIONS DAY PROCLAMATION 2013:
The United Nations: In Everyone's Interest**

Whereas, the United Nations was founded in 1945, and the anniversary of the day on which the UN Charter came into force is observed each year on October 24; and

Whereas, the United Nations promotes peace and security, development, democracy, economic prosperity, global health and human rights around the world, and is vital now more than ever; and

Whereas, the United Nations works to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, by providing a common development strategy for the international community, improving coordination, coherence, and effectiveness within the UN system, the donor community and developing countries; and

Whereas, the Goals address universal issues from poverty and access to education to improving healthcare and environmental sustainability and enjoy unprecedented political support because they are specific and measurable, with a deadline and indicators for monitoring progress attached to each goal; and

Whereas, the United States has a long tradition of leading international efforts to improve health, education and economic growth in developing countries; and has shown its commitment to the Millennium Development Goals through foreign assistance, progressive trade initiatives, and debt relief measures; and

Whereas, a bipartisan poll conducted in April revealed that more than eight out of ten voters say it is important that the United States maintain an active role within the UN; and

Whereas, the UNA-USA and United Nations Foundation have declared "The United Nations: Partnerships for Global Progress" as its theme for the 2013 United Nations Day commemoration

Whereas, the United Nations Association of Greater Boston is committed to educating and mobilizing our local communities to build a stronger network of global citizens and leaders to create a more prosperous, just and sustainable world;

Whereas, the citizens of Acton should participate in all activities related to UN Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the ACTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN officially proclaim
October 24, 2013 as

UNITED NATIONS DAY

In witness whereof, I have set my hand on this 7th day of October in the year 2013.

ACTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN, BY ITS CHAIRMAN,

JANET K. ADACHI